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PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY REVIEW

JAN 27 1998 Review and Evaluation of Pharmacology and Toxicology Data Division of Anti-Infective Drug Products, HFD-520 NDA: 50-748 (000) 150-747) DRUG: Synercid CATEGORY: Streptogramin antibiotic Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceuticals SPONSOR: 500 Arcola Road Collegeville, PA 19426 CONTACT PERSON: Dr. John J. Savarese Director, Regulatory Affairs Phone 610-454-5471 NUMBER OF VOLUMES: 730 (45 Pharm/Tox) DATE OF SUBMISSION: September 5, 1997 DATE CDER RECEIVED: September 5, 1997 DATE ASSIGNED: September 9, 1997

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INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW

Synercid is a mixture of two naturally occurring pristinamycins which are produced by the fermentation of Streptomyces pristinaespiralis. Synercid is also known by the alphanumeric code number RP59500. The two components of Synercid are quinupristin (RP 57669) 30% w/w, and dalfopristin (RP 54476) 70% w/w.

Quinupristin is a combination of three peptide macrolactones (RP 68888, RP 60844, and RP 67648). The chemical structure of dalfopristin and the three components of quinupristin are as follows:

RP 54476

RP 68888

Synercid is active against Gram-positive bacteria. This new drug application seeks approval of Synercid for use in the treatment of and complicated skin and skin structure infections. Another NDA (50-747) has been submitted, seeking approval of Synercid for use in the treatment of infections due to Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus faecium.

Synercid is intended to be administered as an intravenous infusion in 5% dextrose solution, at a dose of 7.5 mg/kg of body weight, with the dose to be repeated at intervals of eight or twelve hours.

The sponsor, at the request of the FDA, submitted duplicate INDs for Synercid. The original IND was a secondary IND (IND was a Subpart E submission for use in the treatment of infections due to Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus faecium.

NOTE: The sponsors' table of contents for NDA 50-748 contains a minor mistake. Section 5.6.2.4.3 (Volume 1, Page 36) is incorrectly titled "Chromosomal Aberrations in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells". This section actually contains reports of Unscheduled DNA Synthesis studies.

This NDA consisted of 122 toxicology study reports (Reports 5.18-5.130.I), 19 pharmacology study reports (Reports 5.1-5.17.B), and 47 pharmacokinetic study reports (Reports 5.131-5.177). Every study report was evaluated during the review of this NDA. The information presented in this review has been extracted from the reports of the pivotal preclinical studies in the NDA submission. Additional details on the experimental designs and methodologies can be found in the Pharmacology/Toxicology reviews of the original IND and amendments.

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PRECLINICAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Some of the pharmacology/toxicology information on the compound(s) has been reviewed previously in the IND submissions. Most of the toxicology studies were conducted during the late 1980s and early 1990s at the sponsors facility in France, and at contract laboratories in France, England, and Canada. The toxicology studies were conducted in compliance with the applicable Good Practice guidelines, and included confirmation of the test substances and dosing solutions. Unless analytical specified otherwise, the toxic effects described in this review (increases, decreases, histologic changes, etc.) are considered to be statistically and biologically significant.

Acute Toxicity

Mice

In studies in mice, Synercid and the three components of quinupristin were administered intravenously in a single dose. The mice were observed for 14 days for signs of toxicity. Mortalities occurred within 24 hours of dosing. The following median lethal-doses were reported:

Synercid: LD50: 107 mg/kg (both sexes combined)
RP 68888: LD50: 76 mg/kg (both sexes combined)
RP 60844: LD50: 50 mg/kg (both sexes combined)

RP 67648: LD50: >122 mg/kg (males)

98-122 mg/kg (females)

The signs of toxicity seen in these mice were ataxia, dyspnea, decreased motor activity, prostration, and convulsions.

In another study in mice, it was determined that cumulative doses of Synercid greater than the median lethal dose, could be tolerated, if administered in divided doses in one day. For example, there were no deaths in a group of 10 mice (5 male, 5 female) that received three injections (70 mg/kg) of Synercid at three hour intervals (210 mg/kg total).

<u>Rats</u>

Synercid, quinupristin and dalfopristin were tested in rats. The following median lethal doses were reported after intravenous administration:

Synercid: LD50: 28 mg/kg (both sexes combined)
Quinupristin: LD50: 18.4 mg/kg (both sexes combined)

Dalfopristin: LD50: 117 mg/kg (both sexes combined)

Signs of toxicity in the rats were ataxia, dyspnea, decreased motor activity, prostration, and convulsions.

Additional studies in rats indicated that Synercid was better tolerated if it was given in divided doses, or if a slower rate of

injection was used, or if it was given as an infusion.

Monkeys

Acute studies were also conducted in monkeys. Quinupristin was administered intravenously to cynomolgus monkeys (2/sex/group) in a single dose of either 0, 12.5, 25, or 50 mg/kg. No signs of toxicity were seen at the low dose. Ataxia and decreased motor activity occurred after doses of 25 and 50 mg/kg. Phlebitis of the injected vein was seen microscopically, mainly in the 50 mg/kg group. There were no deaths in this study.

In another study, dalfopristin was administered intravenously to cynomolgus monkeys (2/sex/group) in a single dose of either 0, 30, 100, or 300 mg/kg. Other than one episode of vomiting, no signs of toxicity were seen at the low dose. Salivation, emesis, ptosis, ataxia, decreased muscle tone, and decreased motor activity occurred after doses of 100 and 300 mg/kg. Tremors were seen in the 300 mg/kg group, and there was one death in this group. Phlebitis, perivenous ulceration, and necrosis were seen microscopically in the high-dose group.

In a pilot study, Synercid was administered intravenously to one-female cynomolgus monkey at a dose of 200 mg/kg, and to two females at 150 mg/kg. The animal dosed at 200 mg/kg died; the two animals dosed at 150 mg/kg collapsed, but survived. In the definitive study, Synercid was administered intravenously to cynomolgus monkeys (2/sex/group) in a single dose of either 0, 50, 90, or 175 mg/kg. In this study, all of the animals dosed at 175 mg/kg died within 24 hours of dosing, but the dose of 90 mg/kg was well-tolerated. In a subsequent study, it was determined that a total daily dose of 180 mg/kg could be tolerated if it was administered as two doses of 90 mg/kg separated by an interval of six hours.

Subchronic Toxicity

Synercid, quinupristin, and dalfopristin were evaluated in onemonth intravenous toxicity studies in Sprague-Dawley rats (the more sensitive rodent species) and in cynomolgus and rhesus monkeys. The studies were conducted using standard experimental designs and methodology. Evaluations for treatment-related effects in these studies were based on clinical observations, body weights, food consumption, ophthalmoscopy, hematology, blood chemistries, urinalysis, gross pathology, organ weights, histopathology, microscopic and limited electron Electrocardiograms were also measured in monkeys. microscopy.

<u>Rats</u>

Synercid was administered intravenously at doses of 0, 2, 6, or 18 mg/kg/day for one month (15 rats/sex/group). Elevated levels of alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase, and lactic

dehydrogenase occurred, mainly in the high-dose group. Microscopically, renal cortical tubular atrophy and dilation were seen in all treated groups. There were 12 deaths in the study, but many of the deaths were attributed to the blood sampling procedure; six of the deaths were in the high-dose group, and these appeared to be treatment-related. The only other changes that were clearly treatment-related occurred at the injection site, and consisted of swelling, exfoliation, and ulceration of the tail.

Quinupristin was administered intravenously at doses of 0, 1, 4, or 8 mg/kg/day for one month (10 rats/sex/group). Elevations in aspartate aminotransferase, creatine phosphokinase, and lactic dehydrogenase occurred in the mid and high-dose groups. Ataxia, dyspnea, and decreased activity were seen in high-dose animals. Microscopically, a renal tubular basophilia was seen in some high-dose animals. There were four deaths in this study; one in the mid-dose group, and three in the high-dose group. All four deaths appeared to be treatment-related.

Dalfopristin was administered intravenously at doses of 0, 2.5, 10, or 50 mg/kg/day for one month (10 rats/sex/group). Treatment-related effects occurred only in the high-dose group. These included decreases in erythrocyte counts, hemoglobin, and hematocrit, changes at the injection site, and seven deaths.

Monkeys

Synercid was administered intravenously to cynomolgus monkeys at doses of 0, 2, 6, or 30 mg/kg/day for one month (3/sex/group). Animals in the high-dose group displayed salivation, retching, emesis, and decreased food consumption. This group also had decreases in erythrocyte counts, hemoglobin, and hematocrit, and slightly prolonged electrocardiographic QT intervals. Bruising, swelling, exfoliation, ulceration, and serous discharge occurred at the injection site, but there were no deaths. Skeletal muscle, attrial cardiac muscle, and ventricular cardiac muscle were examined with light and electron microscopy, and no histologic or ultrastructural changes were found.

Quinupristin and dalfopristin were evaluated in another one-month study in cynomolgus monkeys. Quinupristin was administered at doses of 0, 1, 4, or 16 mg/kg, while dalfopristin was administered at doses of 0, 2.5, 10, or 25 mg/kg. The only effects that could be attributed to treatment, were changes at the injection site, similar to those described above. There were no hematology or electrocardiographic changes.

In another study, a three times per day dosing regimen of Synercid was investigated in rhesus monkeys. Synercid was administered as an intravenous infusion at doses of 0, 10, 20, or 40 mg/kg three times daily (0, 30, 60, or 120 mg/kg/day). Animals in the high-dose group showed decreased food consumption, signs of anemia

(decreases in erythrocyte counts, hemoglobin, hematocrit) and changes at the infusion site. There were no deaths.

Chronic Toxicity

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<u>Rats</u>

Synercid was evaluated in rats in studies of three and six month duration. In one three-month study, Synercid was administered to Sprague-Dawley rats (15/sex/group) in a single intravenous injection at doses of 0, 2, 6, or 12 mg/kg/day. Extra animals (10/sex/group) were carried in the control and high-dose groups, to evaluate reversibility of the findings during a treatment-free recovery phase. There were two deaths in the high-dose group, and these were probably treatment-related. Signs of toxicity occurred mainly in the high-dose group and consisted of changes at the injection (reddening, bruising, site swelling, thickening, exfoliation, ulceration, and scab formation) decreases erythrocyte counts, hemoglobin, and hematocrit, and increases in plasma urea nitrogen. Kidney weights (absolute and relative) were and signs of renal pathology were observed microscopically (vacuolation and dilatation of cortical tubular epithelium, with lymphocytic infiltration). Some of these effectswere also seen in the mid-dose group, although to a lesser extent. No ultrastructural changes were detected in skeletal muscle, atrial cardiac muscle, or ventricular cardiac muscle when these tissues were examined with light and electron microscopy. Virtually all ofthe toxicity was found to be reversible during the recovery phase of the study.

In another three-month study in rats, Synercid was administered as a one hour intravenous infusion, through cannulas implanted into the femoral vein. The doses were 0, 5, 10, or 25 mg/kg three times per day (0, 15, 30, or 75 mg/kg/day). Signs of toxicity consisted of sedation, piloerection, hunched posture, decreases in erythrocytes, hemoglobin, and hematocrit, increases in reticulocytes, alanine aminotransferase, and aspartate aminotransferase, and signs indicative of vascular irritation. Extramedullary hematopoiesis was observed microscopically in liver and bone marrow. Most of these signs occurred in all three treated groups. The mortality rate in this study was about 17%, but many of the deaths were attributed to venous complications arising at the site of the indwelling catheter.

A six-month study of Synercid in rats was conducted at a different contract laboratory, using the same three infusions per day dosing regimen. The same dose levels were used in the six-month study, and in general, the findings in the six-month study were similar to those in the three-month study described above.

Monkeys

Synercid was administered as a single intravenous injection to cynomolgus monkeys at doses of 0, 2, 6, or 20 mg/kg/day for three months (4/sex/group). There were no deaths in the study. Toxic effects were relatively mild and, for the most part, were limited to the high-dose group. The signs included salivation, subdued behavior, transient decreases in blood pressure, increases in alanine aminotransferase, increased kidney weights, an orange coloration of the urine, and injection site changes as described previously.

Three-month studies of Symercid were also conducted in rhesus monkeys, in which the compound was administered three times per day, as an intravenous infusion using an indwelling catheter. doses were 0, 10, 20, or 40 mg/kg three times daily (0, 30, 60, or 120 mg/kg/day). In one of these two studies, the high dose was reduced from 120 to 90 mg/kg/day because of excessive toxicity. The mortality rate ranged from 50-70% in the high-dose groups. The toxic signs seen in these studies were similar to the signs seen in some of the preceding studies. These included emesis, emaciation, anemia, increased transaminases, venous irritation, and several dermatological changes. The skin changes were manifested as dry scaly skin, cutaneous crusts, discoloration, erythema, edema, blisters, and loss of fur. Changes in the dermis and epidermis were confirmed microscopically (infiltration of lymphocytes,_ leukocytes, acanthosis, parakeratosis). Microscopic changes were also seen in the renal tubular epithelium (tubular dilatation, basophilia, inflammation). Other findings in these animals included splenic and thymic atrophy, and inflammation of the vena basophilia, inflammation). cava in the vicinity of the catheter tip.

A six-month study was conducted in rhesus monkeys, using the same experimental design, but with lower doses. In the six-month study, the doses of Synercid were 0, 5, 10, or 15 mg/kg infused intravenously three times per day (0, 15, 30, or 45 mg/kg/day). Less toxicity was seen in this study, although some trends occurred that were similar to the effects seen at higher doses, in the three-month studies.

Reproductive Toxicity

Fertility and Reproductive Function (Segment I type study)

Synercid was administered intravenously to Sprague-Dawley rats (26/sex/group) at dose levels of 0, 2, 6, or 12 mg/kg/day. The males were dosed for at least 10 weeks before mating, while females were dosed for at least two weeks prior to mating. Dosing continued for both sexes throughout the mating period, gestation, and lactation. Males were sacrificed, and the testes, seminal vesicles, epididymides, and prostate gland were removed and

weighed. Approximately 50% of the pregnant females were sacrificed on gestation day 20, and the reproductive tract was removed and examined for corpora lutea, implantations, and resorption sites. The remaining females were allowed to deliver normally, and rear the offspring (the F1 generation). The physical development, behavior, and reproductive ability of the F1 generation were evaluated.

Treatment with Synercid had no effect on male reproductive organ weights, or on female mating or fertility. There was also no effect on the F1 generation with regard to physical activity, auditory function, visual function, learning ability, or reproductive performance.

Teratogenicity and Embryofetal Development (Segment II type study)

Teratology studies were conducted in mice, rats, and rabbits. Synercid was administered intravenously to all three species (CD-1 mice, Sprague-Dawley rats, New Zealand albino rabbits) during the period of organogenesis. In mice, doses of 0, 10, 20, or 40 mg/kg/day were administered during days 6-15 of gestation. In rats, doses of 0, 2, 6, or 18 mg/kg/day were administered during days 6-15 of gestation. In rabbits, doses of 0, 2, 6, or 12 mg/kg/day were administered during gestation days 6-18. (Higher doses were used in range-finding studies).

Mice were sacrificed on day 18 of gestation, rats were sacrificed on day 20 of gestation, and rabbits on gestation day 29. Uterine contents were removed, fetuses were examined, and any fetal abnormalities were recorded. Some of the fetuses were placed in for visceral examination, while the remaining fetuses were stained with for skeletal examination.

A small number of anomalies/abnormalities were seen in all three species. These included (but were not limited to) lower fetal weights, small fetuses, delayed bone ossification, cleft palate, and exencephaly in mice, extra ribs and vertebrae in rats, and decreased ossification and spina bifida in rabbits.

Small numbers of abnormalities occurred in both control and treated groups in these studies, but the incidence appeared to be slightly higher in the treated groups. Because of the lack of a doseresponse relationship, and because some of the abnormalities had also been seen in historical control animals from previous studies, it was not possible to attribute the effects to drug treatment.

Prenatal and Postnatal Development (Segment III type study)

This study was designed to evaluate the effects of the compound on the development of newborn animals. Synercid was administered intravenously to four groups of pregnant Sprague-Dawley rats (22-25 animals per group). The dose levels were 0, 2, 6, or 18 mg/kg/day,

and the doses were administered starting on day 15 of gestation, throughout lactation, and until postpartum day 21. The dams were allowed to deliver normally. At the appropriate age (postpartum days 4-51) the physical, functional, and behavioral development of the pups was determined. Physical development was measured by pinna detachment, incisor eruption, eye opening, and sexual maturity. Functional development was measured by the righting reflex, pupillary reflex, auditory startle response, swimming ability, etc. Behavioral tests included exploratory activity, locomotor activity, learning and memory tests.

There were no treatment-related effects on pregnancy rate, gestation length, post-implantation loss, litter size, or pup survival. Also, no effects were seen in pups with regard to any of the developmental parameters tested.

Genetic Toxicity

When tested in a Chinese hamster ovary cell line for clastogenic potential, dalfopristin (RP54476) was associated with a statistically significant increase in the percentage of cells with chromosomal aberrations, and with an increase in the mean number of chromosome aberrations per cell. The aberrations seen most-frequently in this cell line (CHO-K1) were chromatid gaps, breaks, and fragments, chromosome gaps and breaks, and acentric fragments.

When quinupristin (RP57669) and Synercid (RP59500) were tested in the CHO-K1 cell line, some very slight increases in the percentage of cells with aberrations and the mean number of aberrations were observed, but the increases were not statistically significant.

The CHO-K1 cell line was also used to evaluate the mutagenic potential of these agents. The HGPRT test measures a mutation at the site of the gene that codes for the enzyme hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase in these cells. Dalfopristin, quinupristin, and Synercid did not induce mutations in this assay when tested either in the presence or absence of metabolic activation.

When tested in the bacterial reverse mutation (Ames) assay, dalfopristin, quinupristin, and Synercid were non-mutagenic with or

without metabolic activation.

Dalfopristin, quinupristin, and Synercid did not induce DNA damage and repair, as measured by unscheduled DNA synthesis, in a primary culture of rat_hepatocytes.

Safety Pharmacology

A series of safety pharmacology experiments were conducted to predict the potential of the compound(s) to affect the various organ systems of the body. These tests included:

electrocardiograms in monkeys blood pressure in rats, dogs, and monkeys action potentials in guinea pig cardiac Purkinje fibers histamine release in rats bleeding times in rats coagulation times in rats prostaglandin production during blood coagulation in vitro receptor binding profile behavior screens in mice and rats hexobarbital sleeping time in mice pentylenetetrazole-induced seizures in mice electroencephalograms in rats body temperatures in mice and rats urinary output in rats bile secretion in rats gastric acid secretion in rats gastrointestinal transit time in rats

Treatment with Synercid frequently resulted in decreases in blood pressure in the rat, dog, and monkey models, and the hypotension was often associated with histamine release. Pretreatment with an antihistamine blocked the hypotensive effects. Synercid had little or no effect on the other parameters.

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Pharmacokinetics

The following pharmacokinetic data was obtained following intravenous administration of Synercid to rats:

Blood pharmacokinetics* of Synercid in rat after an one-hour infusion at 5, 15, 25 and 43 mg/kg⁻¹

N°	Sex	Dose	tmax	C _{lh}	AUC(o - lqc)	AUC	t _{1/2}	CL	Vd
		mg/kg ⁻¹	h	μg.mΓ ¹	h.µg.m[¹	h.μg.mľ	h	l.h ⁻¹ .kg ⁻¹	l/kg ⁻ⁱ
RP	M	5	1	0.21 ± 0.06	•	•			
57669	F	5	1	0.08 ± 0.07	•	-	•	-	•
	M	15	1.	0.94 ± 0.10		•	•	-	-
	F	15	1	0.38 ± 0.33		•	-	-	•
	M	25	1	1.57 ± 0.21	1.11	1.16	0.46	6.44	4.27
	F	25	1	0.34 ± 0.30	0.31	0.37	0.46	20.16	13.33
	M	43	1	3.48 ± 0.28	2.39	2.68	0.73	4.81	5.06
	F	43	1	2.36 ± 1.23	1.67	1.75	0.54	7.37	4.74
RP	M	5	1	0.24 ± 023	•	•	-		
54476	F	5	1	0.36 ± 0.06	•	-	-	-	•
	M	15	1	2.64 ± 0.40	2.27	2.39	0.68	4.40	4.33
	F	15	1	1.41 ± 0.70	1.54	1.72	0.79	6.10	6.93
	M	25	1	4.25 ± 0.70	2.97	3.08	0.46	5.68	3.80
	F	25	1	0.80 ± 0.68	0.93	1.03	0.43	17.00	10.62
	M	43	1	8.43 ± 0.91	4.98	5.18	0.63	5.81	5.25
	F	43	1	5.14 ± 2.78	3.59	3.71	0.48	8.12	5.62

^{*:} $mean \pm SD$, n = 3 animals/sex/time.

AUC = area under the concentration-time curve

lqc = last quantified concentration

When Synercid was given to cynomolgus monkeys, the following data was generated:

Blood pharmacokinetics* of Synercid in monkey after one-hour infusion at 10, 20, 40 and 120 mg/kg doses of RP 57669/RP 54476 (30/70)

	Dose	Tmax	Cmax	AUC(0-t)	AUC	t _{1/2}	Cl	Vd
N°	mg/kg ⁻¹	h	h	h.µg.mГ	h.μg.mΓ ¹	h	l/kg ⁻¹ .h ⁻¹	Vα Vkg ^{-l}
RP57669	10	1.00	1.78	1.66	1.75	0.38	1.78	0.96
			± 0.60	± 0.37	± 0.38	± 0.05	± 0.44	± 0.17
	20	1.00	3.53	3.59	3.74	0.42	1.63	0.98
			± 0.56	± 0.56	± 0.53	± 0.04	± 0.23	± 0.06
	40	1.00	10.42	12.29	12.69	0.51	0.98	0.71
			± 0.59	± 2.27	±2.35	± 0.06	± 0.22	± 0.16
	120	1.00	36.04	48.94	60.02	1.13	0.62	1.00
			± 8.50	± 8.66	± 9.36	± 0.24	± 0.09	± 0.28
RP54476	10	0.75	2.45	1.70	•	-	•	
			± 0.88	± 0.24				
	20	0.75	3.45	2.84	3.09	0.29	4.54	1.93
			± 0.55	± 0.40	± 0.06	± 0.07	± 0.09	± 0.49
	40	1.00	10.92	9.66	9.02	0.24	3.12	1.08
			± 1.23	± 1.44	±0.78	± 0.04	± 0.27	± 0.08
	120	1.00	52.91	44.96	48.83	0.41	1.79	1.08
			± 13.55	± 11.85	± 11.76	± 0.07	± 0.44	± 0.42
RP12536	10	1.00	0.46	0.41	0.50	0.43		
			± 0.16	± 0.11	± 0.11	± 0.24		
	20	1.08	0.71	0.91	1.06	0.58	•	
			± 0.14	± 0.17	± 0.11	± 0.18		
	40	1.08	2.25	2.82	3.02	0.58		
			± 0.84	± 0.79	± 0.82	± 0.04		
	120	1.08	5.78	9.70	10.86	0.74		
		<u>.</u> .	± 1.39	± 2.05	± 2.27	± 0.08		

⁻ not available, *: mean+/- SD, n = 2/sex/dose

Following the intravenous administration of Synercid labeled with carbon-14, radioactivity could be detected in every tissue examined, with the highest concentrations appearing in the bile as shown below.

Levels of total radioactivity in selected tissues and organs in Cynomolgus male monkeys (n = 4) following single 0.2-hour iv infusion of 14 C-RP 57669 (30%) and RP 54476 (70%) at 10 mg/kg $^{-1}$ dose. Results expressed as μg equiv. RP 57669.g $^{-1}$

Organ µg eq/g	l hour	6 hours	24 hours	168 hours
Adrenal	3.94	0.18	0.10	
Bile (ml ⁻¹)	1110.41	424.98	43.13	0.03
Bladder	15.84	0.32	0.10	0.53
Blood	0.59	0.20	0.05	0.01
Bone Marrow	0.56	0.13	0.03	0.01
Brain	0.01	0.01	*0.00	0.03
Eye-pigmented	+	0.06	0.05	*0.00
Remaining eye	+	0.14	0.05	0.01
Gall bladder	97.81	139.30	8.35	0.01
Heart	1.39	0.21		1.23
Hypophysis	+	1.15	0.07	0.01
Kidney	4.34	5.45	0.30	*0.02
Large Intestine	1.27	27.96	3.07	0.61
Liver	11.25	5.48	4.97	0.04
Lung	1.40		2.74	0.30
Lymph Nodes	2.37	0.43	0.12	0.02
Muscle	0.52	0.30	0.17	0.04
Pancreas	3.31	0.11	0.03	0.01
Prostate	19.74	0.50	0.19	0.03
Salivary Gland	3.42	0.42	0.08	0.02
Skin	0.77	0.93	0.28	0.02
Small Intestine	6.70	0.35	0.15	0.03
Spinal Cord	0.02	7.98	0.54	0.02
Spleen	1.81	0.02	0.01	0.00
Stomach		0.41	0.12	0.04
Testes	4.19	0.28	0.11	0.03
Thymus	0.62	0.21	0.07	0.02
Thyroid	1.65	0.37	0.10	0.02
Sample mising	0.89	0.15	0.08	0.01

Results calculated from data less than 30 d.p.m. above background

Biliary excretion represents the main route of elimination for Synercid. The majority of an <u>intravenously</u> administered dose was eliminated in the feces, as shown below for rats and monkeys.

Excretion in rats given a single IV 6 mg/kg dose of ¹⁴C-RP 57669/RP 54476 or RP 57669/14C-RP 54476. Results in % of dose

14C-product	RP :	7669	RP 5	1476
Sex	Male	Female	Male	Female
% in urine (0 - 24 h)	7.8 ± 1.5	6.6 ± 2.1	11.4 ± 1.5	6.6 ± 1.5
% in urine (0 - 168 h)	8.4 ± 1.5	7.2 ± 2.2	12.0 ± 1.5	7.2 ± 1.6
% in facces (0 - 48 h)	76.4 ± 7.8	80.6 ± 4.1	59.3 ± 6.0	61.7 ± 7.0
% in faeces (0 - 168 h)	79.9 ± 6.0	84.9 ± 1.7	66.1 ± 2.6	<u>. L</u>
% in expired air (0 -48 h)	•	•		67.1 ± 6.5
% Recovery at 96 hours	88.3	00.0	3.93	3.27
: not significant	C.00	92.3	87.9	82.9

¹⁴C-RP 57669/RP 54476 or RP 57669/¹⁴C-RP 54476. Results in % of dose

RP 5	7669	RP 54476		
89-221	89-222	89-223	89-224	
21.55	14.06	16.49	20.96	
23.97	17.65	<u></u>	24.08	
66.57	81.67		51.86	
72.53				
			71.46 96.26	
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Excretion in Cynomolgus monkeys given a single IV 6 mg/kg dose of

The metabolism of Synercid was similar in mice, rats, monkeys, and humans. Dalfopristin (RP 54476) is metabolized to RP 12536 as shown below. RP 12536 is conjugated with glutathione, and other metabolites are formed by ring cleavage.

Proposed metabolic pathways of RP 54476

RP 54476

Gluthatione conjugate

+ unidentified drug-derived products formed by ring-cleavage

Quinupristin is metabolized to RP 69012 and RP 100391 through the intermediate RP 50309 as shown below.

Proposed metabolic pathway of RP 57669

RP 57669

RP 50309

RP 69012

When a single intravenous dose of Synercid, labeled with carbon-14, was administered to lactating rats, low levels of radioactivity were detected in both plasma and milk. Radioactivity could be detected in the milk for up to 72 hours after dosing.

Plasma protein binding was also studied using radioactive labeled Synercid. Following a single intravenous dose in male and female rats, quinupristin was 77-82% protein bound, while the binding of dalfopristin varied between 48-98%.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LABELING

Synercid is intended for intravenous administration, and virtually all of the toxicology studies were conducted by the intravenous route. The most common toxicity seen in the animal studies was toxicity at the injection site, such as swelling, bruising, exfoliation, phlebitis, ulceration, and necrosis. The severity of the vascular effects were related to the concentration of the dosing solution, and to the speed of injection or duration of infusion. Venous irritation has been the most troubling adverse event encountered in the clinical studies with Synercid, and has necessitated the discontinuation of dosing in some studies.

In the animal studies, rats were more sensitive than mice to theeffects of Synercid. Rats and monkeys were chosen to evaluate the
chronic toxicity of Synercid. Signs suggestive of damage to the
liver, kidney, and blood-forming organs were seen in the systemic
toxicology studies. The toxicity seen in the animal studies,
occurred at doses that were close to the proposed human dose (7.5
mg/kg), suggesting that only a relatively narrow margin of safety
exists with this therapy. For example, in the rat studies, the
hepatic, renal, and anemic effects occurred in the high-dose
groups, i.e. 18 mg/kg/day in the one-month study, and 12 mg/kg/day
in the three-month study. In cynomolgus monkeys, the effects were
seen at 30 mg/kg/day in the one-month study, and at 20 mg/kg/day in
the three-month study. The toxicities were shown to be reversible
after discontinuation of dosing. The vascular effects were also

Dalfopristin was associated with increased chromosomal aberrations in Chinese hamster ovary cells; Synercid and quinupristin gave ambiguous (but probably negative) results in this assay. However, Synercid, dalfopristin, and quinupristin were neither?

Synercid did not produce treatment-related adverse reproductive or teratogenic effects in animal studies, although the decreased fetal weights were considered to represent a "fetal immaturity". No carcinogenicity study has been conducted with Synercid or either component.

From the standpoint of pharmacology/toxicology, approval of this NDA is recommended.

The following labeling is suggested:

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Long-term carcinogenicity studies in animals have not been conducted with Synercid. Five genetic toxicity tests were performed. Synercid, dalfopristin, and quinupristin were tested in the bacterial reverse mutation assay, the Chinese hamster ovary cell HGPRT gene mutation assay, the unscheduled DNA synthesis assay in rat hepatocytes, the Chinese hamster ovary cell chromosome aberration assay, and the mouse micronucleus assay in bone marrow. Dalfopristin was associated with the production of chromosome aberrations

Chinese hamster ovary cell chromosome aberration assay. Synercid and quinupristin were negative in this assay. Synercid dalfopristin, and quinupristin were all negative in the other four genetic toxicity assays.

No impairment of fertility or perinatal/postnatal development was observed in rats at doses up to 12-18 mg/kg (approximately 0.3-0.4 times the human dose based on body-surface area).

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category B:

mice at doses up to 40 mg/kg/day (approximately half the human dose based on body-surface area), in rats at doses up to 120 mg/kg/day (approximately =2.5 times the human dose based on body-surface area), in rabbits at doses up to 12 mg/kg/day (approximately half the human dose based on body-surface area).

There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies with Synercid in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of the human response, should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Nursing mothers:

OVERDOSAGE

Signs of acute overdosage may include dyspnea, emesis, tremors, and ataxia. Patients who receive an overdose should be carefully observed and given supportive treatment. Synercid is not removed by peritoneal dialysis, or by hemodialysis.

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